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In re application of:

Naoto Matsunami, et al.

Application No.: 10/004,131

Filed: October 30, 2001

For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING A
PLURALITY OF CONTROLLERS

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 17, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.